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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN ECCLESIASTICAL MISSION'S CLAIM AGAINST GOI

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1. CONSULATE GENERAL HAS RECEIVED COPY OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION
OF ISRAELI SUPREME COURT DECISION DATED APRIL 4, 1977 ON
RUSSIAN ECCLESIASTICAL MISSION'S APPEAL CONCERNING ITS PROPERTY
CLAIMS. (COPY BEING POUCHED TO WALTER SMITH, NEA/IAL.)

2. GIST OF DECISION WAS TO UPHOLD DISTRICT COURT JUDGMENT
(SEE TEL AVIV A-50) AND TO RULE AGAINST REM IN THAT IT WAS
JUDGED NOT TO HAVE PRESENTED NECESSARY PROOF OF BEING A LEGAL
ENTITY UNDER ISRAELI LAW. FAILURE TO PRESENT SUCH PROOF CON-
SEQUENTLY PREVENTED REM FROM HAVING LEGAL STANDING. ACCORD-
INGLY REM'S APPEAL WAS DISMISSED AND IT WAS ORDERED TO PAY
10,000 IL IN COURT COSTS.

3. WE WILL SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION ON COURT'S DECISION
AND REPORT ANYTHING RELEVANT OBTAINED. IN MEANTIME, DEPART-
MENT MAY BE HEARING DIRECTLY FROM REM'S NEW YORK OFFICE.
ARCHIMANDRITE ANTHONY GRABBE IS STILL IN THE U.S. FOR
MEDICAL REASONS AND MAY SEEK TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT.
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